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JULY 5th, 1770.

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INTRODUCTION.

ADULTERY is become so fashionable, and Divorces so frequent, that it may admit of some debate in the polite world whether the first is criminal or the latter dishonourable: the law, however, judiciously punishes the one and stigmatizes the other.

Advowtry, which in the old law-books signifies adultery, is the sin of incontinence between two married persons; but if only one of the persons be married, it is, nevertheless, adultery. In this last case, however, it is called simple adultery, to distinguish it from the other, which is compound. This crime was severely punished by the laws of God, and the ancient laws of the land. The Julian law among the old Romans made it death; but in most countries (as is the case in England) it is at this period punished by fine, and in others by banishment. According to the law made by William the Conqueror, whoever forced a woman should lose his genitals, the offending parts. Before the statute of the 22d Charles II. which made malicious maiming felony, it was a question, whether cutting off the privy members of a man taken in adultery with another man's wife was felony or not? as an instance of which, in the thirteenth year of Henry III. one *John* a monk, being taken by Henry Hull in the act with his wife he cut off the privy-members of the monk, and was only indicted for a *mabeim*, or maiming.

Hence it plainly appears that the statute enacted in the reign of that amorous prince, Charles the second, who doubtless had an eye therein to the very business in question, hath wonderfully propagated and secured the honourable, noble, (I had almost said royal) practice, of performing the drudgery of matrimonial duty; for we cannot suppose the knight-errants of those, or the present times, however valorous in espousing the causes, and the protection of their mistresses, would have chosen so publickly (as they have since done) to manifest their abilities in intrigues of this kind, had they run the risk of legally, losing those very *important* parts, which would ever after have disqualified them from entering the lists of gallantry. I shall not even scruple to suppose that his R. H. notwithstanding the many disguises he took upon himself, and condescensions he submitted to, would have persevered either in his intrigue, or his *elegant* correspondence (which was so immediately the means of detection) had not his whole person (which certainly includes those parts) been *sacred*, and had he not been convinced that the greatest damage that could happen to him, would be only issuing a little more money out of the T—y, either for *secret*, services or public lawsuits* (as in similar cases) which might, indeed, terminate in an additional tax upon *any thing* left *untaxed*, or a new Stamp Act *properly modified* to quiet the minds of the people of North America.

As to her Ladyship, she seemed resolved at all events to imbibe the sublime sentiments inherent in r—l blood; as either she had, or was very near having a similar connexion with the late duke of Y—k before his departure for the continent, and

* Vide the Damages obtained by Mr. Wilkes against Lord Halifax, &c. &c. &c.

which was so generally talked of; that at length it was imparted to Lord Gro—r, and a separation had then nearly taken place upon that account; but upon her promising his Lordship in the most solemn manner that she would never again speak to *that* R. H. in *private*, he forgave her. Indeed, her Ladyship may plead something in her excuse besides her fondness for an alliance with r——l blood; as it is well known that her marriage was not a match of her own choice, but strongly recommended to her by her parents. An anecdote is handed about of her first acquaintance with his Lordship, which is as follows: Lord G— had in his youth led a very debauched life, and had almost destroyed his constitution, by a certain disease which is never communicated but by the ladies: his physicians therefore advised him as the only means of preserving the small share of health that he remained possessed of, to marry: he accordingly resolved to marry the first woman of family that was agreeable to him, without paying any regard to fortune. Just as he had come to this resolution, he was walking one day in Kensington gardens, whilst his coach was waiting for him at the gate; and a shower of rain coming on, he took shelter in the same alcove where Miss V——n (his present lady) and her sister *Carry* had retired for shelter. After some common conversation upon the weather and other general topics, he asked the ladies, if they had not a carriage at hand, to do him the honour of taking part of his; which, with very little intreaty, they consented to, as it was likely to be a rainy evening. His lordship was at first sight struck with Miss V—— and was only waiting for an opportunity of saying a civil thing to her, when upon the road Miss V— declaring, “she thought his Lordship’s coach was the “easiest she ever rode in;” he replied “he was

“very happy at its meeting with her appro-
 “bation; and that she might be mistress of it
 “whenever she pleased.” She blushed, without
 making any reply, which he construed into a fa-
 vourable omen; and the next day he applied to
 her relations to obtain their consent to pay his ad-
 dresses to Miss V——. So great a match highly
 flattered her mother’s ambition and she prevail-
 ed on Miss V—— to give his Lordship her hand,
 though she then declared he was very disagree-
 able to her: add to this, her mother who, on account
 of her employment in the princess Amelia’s hou-
 shold, strove upon every occasion to shew the great-
 est respect to all the r——l family, constantly re-
 commended to her daughter, *never to refuse any*
thing the K—’s brothers requested;—which lady
 G——r has most *dutifully obeyed*. This she may,
 at least, plead as some excuse to her relations; but
 it is a moot point whether it is so good a one
 as what F——te made for her to lady H——n
 some weeks since, when he was taking chocolate
 with her.—“Good heaven, said her ladyship, is it
 “not astonishing that lady G——r should prefer the
 “D—— of C—— to lord G——!” “*Not at all, my*
 “*Lady, replied the wag, for his R. H. is only Dis-*
 “*EASE—but his L——p is DEATH itself.*”

Now we have introduced F——te we shall al-
 so introduce a few more of his *bon mots* upon this
 occasion. He said the other day, “the present
 “K—— had created Sir Richard G——r a *Lord*, and
 “his brother had created him a *Cuckold*; dignities
 “somewhat similar according to the present times;
 “and the more so as they had both tipt his head
 “with gold, the first his *coronet*, the last his *horn*.”

His R. H. asked F——te, the last time he dined
 with him at North-End, what he thought about his
 Letters that were read in court.—“Think, please
 “your

“ your H—s, (said Sam) it is impossible to think about them, as you never once thought when you wrote them.”

His R. H. told F—te a short time since, in great confidence, “ That Lady G—r was one of the most sensible women in England; and that he should one day or other see her Letters.” The day after the trial this genius said, “ I am convinced of what your R. H. said.—She is a damn’d sensible woman as to *parts*; but it was left for a man of your H——s’s penetration to discover her genius.”

The same great mimic observed, “ That in several parts of the country a certain personage, in the course of his intrigue, was taken by his disguise in a black wig, for a horse-stealer and a highway-man; but no where for a *conjuror*.” †

It is positively asserted that this course of correspondence was not the first grounds of suspicion: for that lord G— having surprised a packet with one of the D— of C—’s curious epistles addressed to his Lady, which Mrs. Reda the millener, opposite St. Alban’s-street, Pall-mall, was bringing to her immediately after her lying-in, or at least before she had been abroad; his Lordship had the great good nature, upon her Ladyship’s assuring him that nothing had passed between her and the D— but indiscretions of the least vicious kind, not only to for-

† Since the first edition went to press, the following *bons mots* have transpired upon this occasion.

Mr. G——— said, “ it was a thousand pities to spoil the connexion between the D. of C. and Lady G. as they *cor-* RESPONDED, so PERFECTLY well together.”

A gentleman, on Tuesday, at the Smyrna, averring, “ He was astonished, that the D. of C. should write such stuff.” “ Such stuff, Sir! (replied Mr. B—d—n) if the letters had not been published in this *authentic* manner, I should have been very doubtful of their being his writing—Why, Sir, there are upwards of a dozen words spelt right!”

give her but assure her, that if she gave him no cause for future discontent, the discovery he *had made* should never be public, nor go farther than between him and her. But the interception of the first letter annexed rekindled all his resentment.

The Editor of these sheets has taken the earliest opportunity of laying them before the public, as this is the most important and remarkable Trial that ever came before a court of judicature; and the only one that has any similarity to it, fell out in the last century, when Robert earl of Southesk charged his R. H. James duke of York (afterwards James II.) with an amour with his countess; but it never was brought into court: nor is there, perhaps any precedent in any country of a like process; and though no more than 10,000 l. damages were granted it evidently demonstrates the integrity and upright sentiments of a British jury, who pay no regard to rank, title, or station, but administer justice with equal impartiality, from the first to last subject in the land. His lordship has thereby obtained all he desired by this verdict, — a divorce. And had he received ten times the damages, he would have applied it in the like manner he proposes doing these by distributing them to the most useful and beneficial public charities. So little temptation, indeed, has money in the eyes of his Lordship, that it is confidently asserted that 50,000 l. were offered from a certain quarter to stop the prosecution, but nobly refused by his Lordship.

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ON Thursday, July the 5th, 1770, at eight in the morning, came on, in the Court of King's Bench, Westminster, before the Right Hon. Lord Mansfield, the cause, wherein Richard Baron G----r was plaintiff, against his R. H. the D. of C. for criminal conversation with Harriet, the wife of the said Lord G-----r,

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Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Walker, and
Mr. Lee.

Counsel

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For the Defendant.

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 { Garth.

Messrs. { Buxton,
 { Winduse.

It was contended by the counsel for the defendant, that the laying the damage at 100,000l. was excessive and immoderate; but to this it was answered, that, in the reign of Charles the Second, much higher damages were sued for by the then Duke of York, against one Pilkington, a Sheriff of the city of London, in an action of *scandalum magnatum*, in the King's Bench, and a verdict of 100,000l. was obtained in his favour; and it was further urged, that when the injury was done to an inferior, that circumstance alone greatly aggravated the offence.

Mr. Wedderburn, in the course of opening the cause, strongly insisted on the case becoming more criminal on account of the rank of the defendant: This he instanced in two cases; the first was that of Lord Belydere in the kingdom of Ireland, whose brother (Mr. Rochford) having crim. con. with his lady, his lordship obtained 20,000l. damages, tho' the defendant's fortune was no way answerable to such a sum. The other was a case of defamation brought by James II. when Duke of York, against a tradesman in the city, when the damages were likewise
laid

laid high : "And these, continued the learned council, were given for very substantial reasons; to shew society, that where particular duty and respect is required, an action of criminality becomes doubly so, when these ties are broke through.

Mr. Wedderburn then methodically stated the facts. He set forth, that his R. H. in his excursions to Towcester in Northamptonshire, Coventry, Marcourt-Hill, Whitchurch in Shropshire, Chester, and St. Alban's, in order to meet Lady G——r, assumed, at different times, the names of 'Squire Morgan, 'Squire Jones, the Farmer, &c. that he some times appeared as a young 'squire disordered in his senses, and used to be called at the inns the Fool, particularly at Whitchurch, where a noise being heard in passing from one room to the other, it was disregarded by the people of the house, who said it was only the Fool; and that he had taken down with him to St. Alban's a servant, who went by the name of Trusty, for the purpose of carrying on his intrigue with greater security: that they had witnesses to prove, that Lady G——r was several times carried to the back door of the D. of C.'s house in the Park, where she went in, and staid for a considerable time. That several of Lord G——'s servants went down to St. Alban's with his lordship's brother, who, upon breaking open the door at the inn, found the D. of C. sitting on the bed-side along with Lady G——, with his waistcoat loose, and the lady with her Dresden unbuttoned, and her breasts wholly exposed: that on their entering, her ladyship made towards the door of communication with the next room, but in the attempt fell; on which he, who was left to guard the door they entered by, went to her assistance, which his R. H. availed himself,

self of, and run out, calling on them, when he got on the other side of the door, "to take notice, he was not found in the room; and that he would take his Bible oath, he was not."

But Mr. Wedderburn said, previous to his calling several witnesses to prove this, and many other important facts, he should read to the court several letters, written by Lady G——r to the D. of C. and from the D. of C. to her ladyship, which would set the nature of their connexion beyond a doubt; first premising by what means they had fallen into Lord G——r the plaintiff's hands.

His lordship meeting with one of his servants, near Chester, going with a letter from his lady to put into the post, stopt him to go upon another errand, taking the letter, and saying he would put it in himself: he then had the curiosity to open it, which he found to be the first † letter from Lady G—— to his R. H. when, after having taken a copy of it, he put it into the post, and intercepted all the rest.

Mr. Wedderburn then read the letters in the following order.

† See p. 23. Let. V.

L E T T E R I.

MY dearest Love how sorry I am that I am deprived the Pleasure of seeing this Evening but especially as you are in pain God grant it over upon my knees I beg it altho' it may go off for a few days it must return and then you will be easy my only Joy will be happy, how shall I thank you for your kind Note your tender manner of expressing yourself calling me your dear friend and at this time that you should recollect me. I wish I dare lye all the while by yuor bed and nurse you ———for you will have nobody near you that loves you as I do thou dearest Angel of my Soul O that I could but bear your pain for you I should be happy what grieves me most that they who *ought to feel* dont know inestimable Prize the Treasure they have in you—thank God if it should happen now Mr. Croper is out of Town and you may be quiet for a few Days—I shall go out of Town to night but shall stay just for an answer pray if you can just write me word how you find yourself, I shall be in Town by eight Tomorrow Evening in hopes of hearing again I am sure my Angel is not in greater pain than what my heart feels for my adorable Angel—I sent this by D—— servant she is gone to Ranelagh do if you write direct to her the Boy has my orders & will bring it to me —Adieu God blefs you and I hope before Morning your dear little one,

To Lady G——.

L E T T E R II.

MY Dear little Angel I am this instant going out of Town ten thousand Thanks for your kind note I am sure nothing could make my aking
C heart

heart to night bearable to me than when you say you are sensible how much I love you pray God it may be over before morning or that you may be better I shall be in town at eight o'clock for I shall long to know how you are dont mention to D that I wrote by her servant to you for I have ordered him not to tell—Adieu Good night God bless the Angel of my Soul Joy and Happiness without whom I have no comfort and with whom all the happiness alive au revoir I hope very soon.

To Lady G—.

L E T T E R III.

MY Dear little Angel, I wrote my last Letter to you yesterday at eleven o'clock just when we sailed I dined at two o'clock and as for the afternoon I had some musick I have my own servant on board that plays and a couple of hands from London for the six weeks I am out we were a good many at Dinner I had about 9 People Yesterday and shall have more when the rest of my Squadron join me they staid with me till near seven I got to supper about 9 o'clock but I could not Eat, and so got to bed about 10—I then prayed for you *my dearest love kissed your dearest little Hair* and laye down and dreamt of you had you on the dear little *couch* ten thousand times in my arms kissing you and telling you how much I loved and adored you and you seemed pleased but alas when I woke I found it all dillusion *no body by me but myself at Sea* I rose by time at half past five and went upon Deck there I found my friend *Billy* and walked with him for about an hour till Barrington came to me we then breakfasted about eight o'clock and by nine I began and exercised the Ships under my command till twelve it is now one, and when I finish this Letter to you my dear Love I shall dress and go to dinner.

dinner at two o'clock it is a rule on board to dine at two, breakfast at eight and sup at nine—always if nothing hinders me I shall be a-bed by ten or soon after and up by half past 5 in the morning in order to have if there is any occasion orders ready for the Fleet under my command before I begin to exercise them—I am sure the account of this Days duty can be no pleasure to you my love yet it is exactly what I have done and as I promised you always to let you know my motions and my thoughts I have now performed my promise this day to you and always will untill the very last letter you shall have from me which will be when I between 5 and 6 weeks hence send the Admiralty word that I am arrived at Spithead then I shall only wait for their answer which will be with me in a few hours to strike my Flag and then I shall return to you that instant O' my love mad and happy beyond myself to tell you how I love you and have thought of you ever since I have been separated from you the wind being contrary to day about one I put off dinner till three o'clock in order to anchor Ships for this Night in Portland Road just off Weymouth about 2 Miles I hope to sail tomorrow by 5 in the Morning I hope you are well I am sure I need not tell you I have had nothing in my thoughts but your dearself and long for the time to come back again to you I will all the while take care of myself because you desire *my dear little Friend* does the Angel of my heart pray do you take care of your dearself for the sake of your faithful servant who lives but to love you to adore you and to bless the moment that he has made you generous enough to own to him I hope my dear nay I will dare to say you never will have reason to repent it, the Wind was not so contrary but we could have sailed on but I told Barrington that as it was not fair I would anchor especially as I could

send one of my Frigates in for that I had dispatches of consequence to send to London indeed my dear Angel I need not tell you I know you read the reason too well that made me do so it was to write to you for God knows I have wrote to none else nor shall I at any other but to the King God bless you most amiable and dearest little creature living — aimons toujours mon adorable petite amour je

vous adore plusque la vie mesme

I have been reading for about an hour this morning in Prior and find these few lines just now applicable to us

Now oft had *Henry* changed his sly Disguise,
Unmarked by all but beauteous Harriets eyes;
Oft had found means alone to see the Dame,
And at her feet to breath his am'rous flame :
And oft the pangs of absence to remove
By letters soft interpreters of Love
Till Time & Industry (the mighty two
That bring our wishes nearer to our view)
Made him perceive that the inclining fair
Received his vows with no reluctant ear ;
That *Venus* had confirmed her equal Reign
And dealt to Harriets heart a share of *Henry's*
pain.

Such is my amusement to read those sort of things that puts me in mind of *our mutual feelings* † and situations now God bless you till I shall again have an opportunity of sending to you, I shall write to you a letter a day as many days as you miss herein of me when I do they shall all come Friday 16th June God bless I shant forget you God knows you have told so before I have your heart and it lies warm in my breast I hope mine feels as easy to you thou joy of my life adieu.

To Lady G——.

L E T T E R IV.

Sunday the 18th

My Dearest Friend

I Sent a letter last night but fear you could not receive it while on shore, but I hope it wd not be long getting to you, I hope you are perfectly well, and have had a good voyage so farr.

he appears rather in better temper to day, so I'm in great hopes he did not get enough of the Letter to make out much he stayed out very late last night which seems to have occasioned a *weezing* to day, by the means of my Sisters I think I can send and receive my Letters very safe for the future. Carry is out of Town for a few days so in the mean time I send them by another Sister who comes to see me every day, and she thinks it some business I have with Reda about some Millenary that I dont chuse he should know of so if she gets ever a Letter for me she knows she is not to take it out of her pocket till we are alone so its all cleverly settled again at present, how miserable I should have been if we could not have contrived to hear from one another, I quite live only upon the thoughts of its not being a great while before I have the happiness of a Letter from you, for I'm very sure you'l write as soon as you can, I know your tenderness for me well enough to be certain of that,——

he is coming up stairs I find so I shall conclude till tomorrow, God bless you my Dear Dear Friend.

Monday the 19th.

I resume my pen to tell you to day how sincerely I esteem you, he is still rather more come about again to day, Yesterday he shook hands with me, and this morning he came & kissed me and said he was going out of Town to Wathamstow to dine

dine with his Brother, perhaps he is gone to ask his advice, but I don't care he may take what measures he pleases with me if you will but love me, I'd a note from Mrs. Reda this evening she sais she is certain he dares not say a word to her but she wishes he would above all things for that she knows very well how to answer him for that she knows enough of his Intrigues for him to be afraid of saying any thing to her, and she is sure he is not *assez Hardi* to say a word to her upon the subject, her note was in answer to one she had received from me to prepare her in case he should speak to her and I told her if he asked her any questions to say she knew nothing of where or who the Letter came from, — I hope I shall be in London when you come back, I dares say I shall I fancy he had not a mind to part with me let him have seen what he wou'd in the Letter for he asked me Yesterday when I shou'd be able to go into Cheshire, I told him I co'd not give the least guess as it depended intirely upon how I was, and I think I've lay'd a good scheme for I've already complained I've got a pain in my side & I intend to say it's much worse at the end of the month & that I can't bear the motion of a carriage, it will I really believe be a very good plan, for if I said I had a Feaver or any thing of that kind a physician wou'd know by my pulse I had not & might discover me to him, & besides this will be a more lasting complaint so at the end of five or six weeks, I'll grow very ill and send for Fordyce the Apothecary and make him send me a quantity of nasty draughts which I'll throw out of the window only think how wicked I am for in realitty I'm already as strong and as well as ever I was in my life, Ly Harrington called upon me the other day to know how I did I long'd to see her but dared not as he was at home, I intend to go to her as soon as I can get out, Lady Barrymore was with her I've heard

heard nothing of D— I suppose she is afraid of writing or coming as he is in Town but I shall write to her soon, my month is out by the week the 5th of July but by the month not till the 7th so I'll take it at the longest & not be well at the end of it, *that we maint lye together and he must be going to New market the 8th or 9th for the Races which are the Tenth and he'll stay there some days and when he comes home he shall find me worse with the pain in my side, and your Six Weeks will be out the 26th & I hope you'll not be long after that, I'm quite in sperrits with the thoughts that by some means or other we shall make out the time that I shall be so happy as to see you when you return, my Dear Soul, Adieu till to-morrow when I shall add more, continue to love me pray

Tuesday Evening the 20th

I'm going to Teize my dear little Friend with more of my stupid Letter, I've not seen Mr. Croper since yesterday morning he did not come home from his Brothers till I was asleep last night, & went early this morning to set for his picture to West and Just came home to dress and went out to dinner without coming up stairs & left a Gentleman in the house that he had made come up ten miles out of the Country to dine with him Mr. Knox his great Friend, so is he below stairs dining by himself, I cannot think what the Duce he is about,——I suppose by his not coming up to see me Mr. Gro——r has cunsur'd out part of the Letter and advised him to be angry but I shall see if he comes home to Tea & how he behaves——there is no news about to talk to you off so god knows my Letter is stupid enough to tire you to Death, for I can only give you an account of our odd way of going on at home, when I go out I will tell you every where I go every hour of the day,

* A decent intimation from a *modest* lady.

O my Dearest Soul I've just received Two the dearest Letters in the World from you, how can I I cannot express My feelings of gratitude and Love for you, your dear heart is so safe with me and feels every emotion mine does, with you, how happy your dearest letters make me I'm so much obliged to you for saying you will take care of your dear Health because I desire you, do my dearest Friend I entreat you, & I'll do the same, how sweet those verses are you sent me they are heavenly sweet because they are marked by you I always liked Prior but shall adore him because you like him, I'm made quite happy to night by having fresh assurances of yr Love, you have mine intirely, how happy will that day be to me that brings you back I wonder where I shall see you first I form a Thousand happy ideas to myself I shall be unable to speak from Joy, in the mean time let us write as often as possible, how kind it was of you to say you had letters of consequence to write when it was only to poor me, Your Dear little heart is flurried too on reading ye dear letters it has both laugh and cry'd with Joy it lies warm in my breast I cherish it and think of nothing else but to preserve it there safe and happy, my dearest Soul I send you Ten Thousand kisses I wish I could give them,— God bless you I will now conclude for I'm sure this letter is stupid enough to tire you to death pray forgive it, I'm finishing it in the dark, I see no body to tell me any thing to make my Letter entertaining, so can only tell you how sincerely I do and ever shall love you, and I know you'll like that as well as any thing for nothing makes me so happy as your telling me so & we love too well not to love by sympathy.

Amons tout Jour Tendrement mon adorable ammi mon tres chere ame.

I'll write again every day, and send it to Reda at

all opportunitys, God bless you my dearest Dear
life I shall ever love you.

*This letter was inclosed in a Cover directed to his
 R. H. the D— of C—.*

L E T T E R V.

Portland Road Saturday 17th June

MY ever dearest little angel the wind to day is
 not fair so I shall laye here in Portland Road
 till it is and take this precious moment in sending
 this other Note to you I hope it will find you well
 and that you are not afraid of being gone out of
 Town before I return back to you thou loveliest
 dearest Soul I have been reading since my last note
 of Yesterday to you a great deal out of Prior keep-
 ing the *Heroine* bye till I have read quite thro' and
 find many things in it to correspond with us
 exactly

Hear solemn Jove; and conscious Venus hear;
 And thou bright Maid, believe me, whilst I
 swear,

No Time, no Change, no Future Flame shall
 move

The well-plac'd Basis of my lasting Love,

Do not think I wanted this
 Book with me to tell me how well I loved you, you
 know the very feelings of My heart yet it is great
 pleasure when I am reading to find such passages
 that coincide so much with my own ideas of *dear*
 you, I will write constantly it is my only enter-
 tainment that and hearing from you will be except
 my Duty on board the only thought or employment
 I shall have or even wish I have just now had a
 message from shore it is about 2 Miles from
 Weymouth to go to the rooms this Morning, I

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have

have excused myself being much quieter on Board and happier in writin, to you, You are not there or else the Boat that should carry me would go too slow I long for that happy moment that brings me back again to all I love and to all that I adore—indeed I am sorry my letters are so stupid pray write to me you know whether to send them to send them to D—— or to Mrs. Reda—I long to hear from you it is now within two days of a fortnight indeed it seems forty thousand years. how happy when we meet that our letters has opened to each other the very feelings of our honest hearts—permit me to name yours with mine then they will be words and happy looks from two of the most sincere Friends alive Your heart is well altho' fluttered while I write to you I hope mine is flurried too they ought to have had the same emotions I know they have they are above dissembling I must now conclude God bless You I send you ten thousand kisses pray when you receive this return them to me for I want them sadly.

Addieu je vous aime adorable
petite Creature je vous adore ma chere petite bejoux
l'amant de mon cœur—

God bless I will write constantly .

To Lady G——

LETTER VI.

HOW do you do my dear little sweet Carry I do long to see you and hope soon to hear from you again at least at Mrs. H——I believe we don't set out for there till Wednesday but if any letter comes for me to her she will take care of it till I come My Lord went out Yesterday to Halkin Hollywell &c and stays till tomorrow dinner he left Mr. Gros——r with me but as he went out for an hour

hour I seized this favourable opportunity to write you a line, but he unfortunately returned before I had finished the enclosed which will I'm heartily sorry make this shorter than I proposed for I've nothing but nonsense to write, I do love writing to my dear Carry its a great pleasure in absence from those one loves, I hope my dear love you are well. I se Almacks begins the 1st of Decr. W'd to good fortune We were all going together well I hope there will not many pass first for I se thanks to good fortune the Parliament meets the 9th of January so I'm living on the hopes of coming before then, they are all pestering me to come to supper, Gd, cur—e them I wish them at Jerricoe, first one peeping there head in then the other and Mr. G—— shutt up taking snuff in my dressing Room; I'm stole into my Bedchamber coue se qui coue I'll finish my stupid Letter I propose you a much longer soon I hope you amuse yourself well in London, poor little Carry I do love you dearly, did you get my letter safe after Hollywell, I hope so, will you my love be so kind to let me trouble you to send the enclosed, I expect my Ld the second of Decr. will you write a line by them my love, I always burn your letters immediately as safe as a thief in a Mill—he has never once named my Friend & is in a tolerable humour. Tomm lives and dies with him, odd people drop & I now & then play a game at Cards, if you should see Billy you may jult give him a hint (if quite convenient) not to name my Friend if he writes—but a dismal life I have here *Dear Heart Dear Heart wt a tireble Life do I lead* I may well sing that song and often—they are Bawling about supper so farewell I'm ashamed of my Letter the Devil take 'em I'll write a long one soon Dear little Dear Carry a thousand times farewell *a Thousand times the worse to want thy light.* I

die to see you my dearest Friend and Sister ever
with sincerest truth and Affection.

Yrs

H. G.

What a deal of talk shall we have when we meet I
never shall have done.

*The foregoing Letter and that directed to the D—
of C— were enclosed in a Cover directed by Thomas
Grosvenor, Esq; as follows:*

To the Honble Miss Vernon

at St. James's palace

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London

Grosvenor

LETTER VII.

My dearest Soul

Friday Night

HOW happy you made me by your Letter it
seem ages to me since I heard from you tho'
in reality not many days, but Minutes count for
years with those that love, but I dont like to hear
that you have still a little cough you dont take care
of yourself, I wish I could take care of you indeed—
he went out yesterday morning to Halkin and Holy-
well & dont return till tomorrow dinner, he left
Mr. Gros—r and 3 or 4 people with me, who are
gone and Mr. G— is just gone out for an hour,
so I take this favourable time to write to you and
shall send it off in the Morning, I long most hear-
tily for the time I shall see you again, your letter
came perfectly safe, I was so happy to get it, I hope
you will have received my last safe where I sent you
the Account of Hollywell, only think of your hav-
ing lost your road to Tarpolly I should have been
so miserable if I'd known it at the time I'm so
sorry, how dreadful at that time of night its a ter-
rible intricket road, I'd a very odd discourse with

Mr. G—— to day about my Lord he first begun by saying he was very uneasy about his health and did not think he was so well as he used to be & he ought to take great care, he after that said he thought he gave up his whole time attention and fortune to Horses and was worse and worse infatuated than ever about them and that he never could talk upon any other subject therefore he never could have any discourse with him and that he would lose all his acquaintance but Jockeys, I could not help laughing at his description of him which was very just for sais he he will set for half an hour with his eyes fixed on a Table or Chair & then apply to Tomm or any body that is by, do you know what Mare such a Filly was out of, or can you tell what Horse such a Colt was got by, by God, I have got the best stud in England no body will have any horses to run but me very soon, then if he or any body that dont understand that subject offers to mention any thing else he is as cross as any thing for half an hour, and then fast asleep, so sais Mr. G—— you see nobody ever comes to see him but in partys, I never do sais he, I always get people to come every day to meet me or else I know my amusement would be to see him snoring in one corner of the room instead of being sociable & like other people—this was as you may imagine a Tete a Tete subject but its so exact a picture of him I was resolved you should have it—I'll tell you how I pass my time I get up about eight or I'm afraid nine Breakfast at ten then walk or ride dine at 3, stupifie or play at stupified Cards after Tea with any body that drops in (he never plays) this lasts till supper but I now & then steal off we sup soon after nine, and in bed before eleven, where I always dream of you my Dearest Friend—I hope soon to have a letter from Carry with some writing from you in Milk, I fancy

we shant go to Mrs. H——, till Wednesday when I shall hope for a letter from you if it arrives before me it will be safe as I'd a letter to day to say if any came from Carry they should be taken care off, I imagine we shant come away till quite the end of the week and shall then be so happy in the thoughts of seeing you in a few days, how I long for the 1st and 2d of December and yet it is being too selfish for what a situation for you but I'll say no more of that as you are so kind to say you dont mind it, to day is my Birth day, I think it has turned out quite lucky to me as I've such an opportunity of writing to you. Mr. G—— is come home which obliges me to shorten it and vexes me, tho' I've nothing but nonsense to talk off—I dont like to be interrupted & prevented and I must write to Carry a line as I inclose this to her, I see Almacks begins the 1st Dec. do take a dance there and tell me how it looks it will make but two days difference & I cant bear to prevent you from every thing O dear I am always a teasing you, I think I'm quite provoked at my self, I wish to God I was the only one to suffer in an uncomfortable situation and I'd bear every thing with pleasure but the thoughts of my dearest Friend being unhappy is ten times more to me than any thing I could ever suffer, indeed my dearest life it is believe me that is my greatest anxiety and concern, I can never make you amends but my sincerest love you shall ever have from the bottom of my soul that you are kind enough to say you value and as long as you esteem it and give me yours it will be our mutual comfort, God bless you my dearest Soul.—I'm glad the time is fixed for the Parliament meeting which I hope will bring us to Town Farewell a thousand times most sincerely till we meet

My dearest Soul ever most
faithfully and affectionately

Your's

H——

I'll write Carry a line and then go to Mr.
 G—— I'm happy in keeping my own Room.
 Dearest Soul adieu au revoir I'll
 write from Mrs. H—— & tell you when we return
 here.

*The above Letter was inclosed in a Cover directed to
 the D— of C—. In one of the folds of the cover
 was wrote, Thursday night I believe I said Friday
 by mistake in the Letter.*

L E T T E R VIII.

IF you have a mind to see your Wife go off with
 her gallant place yourself at K——Gs Garden
 door at a little before Eight and you will see her
 and her little Sister go with him to his own back
 door a little way off and so return the same way at
 half an hour after nine if you are fool enough to
 discover this information or not be thankful for it,
 you shall have no more that's all at present from
 your humble Servant

Jack Sprat

To L—d G——.

L E T T E R IX.

IKnow you did as I instructed you to do some
 time ago concerning the Garden Gate, but they
 were alarmed and made their escape some other
 way to their married sisters The little Devil is in
 all the schemes and goes into the garden with
 them over against your Windows continually play-
 ing fine pranks under your nose. I dare say they
 will meet there tomorrow Evening——Kensington
 Pallace in the morning (where no servant is allow-
 ed to follow) is the constant practice. As you did

not

not discover my first intelligence I shall give it to
you till you do, from your unknown Friend

Jack Sprat

To L—d G——.

LETTER X.

Eaton Monday night.

My Dearest Sister

HOW do you do I long to hear from you I go
to Town Wednesday & shall be very happy
if I find a Letter from you we shall leave it again
on Friday I hope you received my last safe—I've
been a little alarmed by my Maid having told me
it has got a little about here that he has been in
this part of the world, I've but a few minutes to
write in as my Lord is at home, but was deter-
mined to let them know immediately and should
take as a great favour my love if you would for-
ward it as soon as possible as its necessary on some
accounts to inform them as soon as possible—upon
account of the intended visett, I hope to God this
Letter will get safe to you, I thank God my dear
Carry that I am like to see you before its very long
as my Lord says he will certainly be up by the
meeting of Parliament, I pray God we may as soon
as I know the day I'll send you word I warrant
me——what a vast deal of talk we shall have——

I'm all in a twitter dreading every moment he may
come in so dare say but little as it would betray all
and undo us he has never named their name so all
seems quite I pray God to keep it so—I dont fancy
he has heard any thing God bless you my dear
Carry, I love you sincerely & I wish could write
more but dare not I'm dying with fright, so

Adieu my dear little Soul I'll write soon,
ever with the sincerest affection

Yours

H: G:

I hope you've had some diversions my Love I desired they would write me an answer as soon as possible in Lemon Duce, if you would permit it and inclose it.

To the Honble

Miss V——Maid of Honour

St. James's Palace

London

L E T T E R XI.

ONCE more and no more if I have not often enough pointed out ways for you to be convinced of the Truth, I am not your Friend but if you have not a mind you will take no Notice perhaps of a certain person that is gone in disguise and ly's at every Inn where she does examine your servants and they will be more able to tell you of his constant attendance. He is now about your house and Gardens in the Country.

Jack Sprat

To L—d G——.

L E T T E R XII.

To His Royal Highness the D—— of C——

Monday night

My Dearest Soul

I Hope you are well I'm come up stairs for bed, so steal this safe Moment to write to you a line to tell you of some thing that has happened, & tho' I hate to say any thing to you that may be disagreeable still I'm always determined never to conceal any thing from you, as you can then act as you think will be best my Maid tells me there has been some of our servants telling her that its all about here that you have been here & she has really told me every particular that you came down

Wife Mr. Wedderburn's speech, p. 42.

word or even named you, & he has been at Halkin, Mr Gros—r leaves us tomorrow and on Wednesday we go to Mrs H—— where I hope to receive your dear Letter——I'm miserable in having any thing to tell you that can give you the least uneasiness, it vexes me more than any thing I feel myself, what do you think about it, Pray my dear Soul do either way you think best & I hope as we have been tolerably fortunate hitherto we may scramble thro' it somehow or other, but I dont know what to say what to advise but I'm sure you can judge much better than me pray let me have a few lines in Lemon Duce by C—— to tell me, I wish I could find a Meathod for you to write in ink, I'll consider about it night & day, but I fear I cant but realy I make out the Lemon Duce very well, we leave Mrs H again on Friday, dont my dear Soul be alarmed about the Affair, if you think it better not to come we shall meet I hope not 3 weeks later, thank God for that he seems horridly tired of being here, & impatient to be in Town he sais he'd not be from London when the parliament meet for the world, & I hope will be there some days before, he is not yet well so any how thank God we shant be very long as under tho' indeed while I say so, a day nay an hour appears Ten thousand years, but my Soul if you think you can come safely we'll settle every thing the best thats possible & we may perhaps do very well——O I dont know what to say, I say and unsay every minute——I long to see you and yet I would not do any thing that might be against our future meeting, in short I'd say no more for I scarcely know what I say my Dearest Soul think it over and I'm vastly in hopes every thing will be for the best & will happen well and fortunate at last, I am racked between to se my Dear Friend, and fear of being found out, but dont my life be uneasy, think

it over and either way you determine will I dare say end well, I've told Carry you will write a Line to me by her in Lemon Duce,—how happy it is we come to Town so soon let us think of that—this Letter is to set at 6 in the morning by the post as I must send it down as soon as I can that my sitting up may not be particular & cause my Letter being suspected so I wont say much more but that I love you and always shall my Dear Dear Friend, pray dont be vext about this affair ask Trusty what he thinks of it God bless you my Dearest Dear Soul
Ever with the most sincere affection

Yours H—

We have gone on just as usual but to day we had a heap of men to dine here Sir W: Williams stays all night Mr G—r goes off in the Morning, Farewell once more my Dearest Friend dont pray be uneasy I intreat you my Soul

Je vous etimerois
etternement tres chere est adorable Amme

What Joy will it be to me when I
can see my Dear Soul

Bon Soir

*The above Letter was inclosed in a Cover directed
to the D— of C—.*

L E T T E R XIII.

Tuesday night 5

My dearest Sister

YOUR last letter I must own my dear little Carry make me very uneasy as I was very plain you was in very low Sperritts, & I'm afraid indeed not well, I am sure I love you too well to risque running you into any scrape therefore if there is the least Appearance of it I wd not give any Chance of it for the World, the report you know my love

is very false therefore that particular dont make me uneasy as it will be proved to the contrary by seeing we live together, it was some spiteful person raised it maliciously and very sillyly indeed As the whole world must see the contrary, Mama's mentioning it in a serious style to you was very ridiculous as she knows we are living together here & it may be of some use both in regard to her & the World in general as they will se false reports rais'd, if you remember there was exactly the same report raised of Ly Barrymore about the time she was at Bath, the people seeing that false (& I remember myself for one) said we imagined every thing else was so & I assure you my dearest Carry I propose behaving in such a manner as will be quite proper & clever when I come to Town which I hope will be very soon and I shall tell you all my plans when I have the happiness of seeing you— Mama's behaviour to you & speaking to you in that manner I do assure you hurts me much more than any thing in regard to myself; how little Mama's friendship is worth having when she is turned and wound about every different way by a little flattery if she was my friend to day & abused my enemy, if to morrow they falsely told her they lov'd her by way of emposing upon her, & getting her to their sides she would still be more inveterate against me than she had been against them——

I have been very ill us'd in the World & those that have profess'd themselves my friend have generally acted to me in this style, you my Dear Carry have been a real friend, & I shall ever acknowledge it with my last Breath, & ever be sincere to you, I only wish it may ever be in my power to serve you I would be happy beyond measure to prove it to you indeed I would, I am capable of sincere friendship, I've only my own word for it now, but will prove it with joy & thankfully if
fortune

fortune will but let me——my poor Friend indeed has taken a most terable Journey and only just seen me twice, they are very prudent & told me the 2d time they should set out immediately for fear of danger, You se by this means my love it was impossible for me to write as I did not know it till then, and you know that in the place I saw them it was impossible to write, or indeed my Dear I should not have been so ungratefull not to have wrote as I promised & answer'd yours——my dear I am very low spiretted I wish I could have a fly over to you & talk every thing over and I do believe we shou'd make one another easier, when you know how I propose to act——I wd not have you indeed send any more to S——ros as your Servants seem to suspect & be so cross about, for I wou'd not have you run a risk for me for the World. If I had had an idea of it I wou'd not have ever ask'd you, but I thought by one way or other either happening to call or send as it was only now and then it wd not be suspected, but as they once begin to think, its much better to do it no more, I desired my Friend to fend Saterdag Morning for this & to send one to you as I thought that way would be safe & I'm to send another for them to send for on Thursday sev night, unless you think it will be dangerous if so let me know & I'll never send again, but contrive some way just for one more or so which will be all I shall have occasion to write before I set out just to let them know the day we set out for we shall set out I do believe & hope in less than three Weeks for he said to day he did not believe he shod stay so long as he at first thought which was against the Meeting of Parliament so may be we may set out in a Fortnight he seems horridly tir'd of this place & is fidgeting for ever into Wales &c he sets out for Wales to morrow & and only came back from there sunday so I hope it cannot possibly

possibly be long now before I shall see my dear little Carry again don't be low my dear Love I'm afraid you'll make yourself ill, I wish to G'd you had a little Country air—never mind what any of them says nor let them vex you I've a vast good plan to tell you of; so if people don't change their Note this Winter, I know you are laughing & think I am only building Castles in the air; but see if you don't find it as I say I assure you you will—I'm quite uneasy about my Friend I don't think them well—I've advis'd them to go into publick as aint you of my mind that it would appear too particular for them just to come out when I come to Town & they think so too, well God bless you my Ld is come home so I must not say much more at present but you shall hear again from me very soon, I think what you say in regard to Billy may do very well I'll try when I come to town by hints as you say pushing the Preferment Ah a Wheel within a Wheel, I'd lay any thing some of the Gros—rs have been at Mama canting the Devil take such deceit and old about your going out with me never mind she cant prove any thing don't be frightened for that's impossible let her suspicions be what they will, for she is very credulous in every Gosops Story——
Adieu my Dear Soul forgive the writing nonsense and be merry pray, I've many things to make you laugh about when I see you and believe me ever most

sincerely & affecty Yrs

H: G——

Robin for ever talks of you
he and Dicky send their lov's
he has been drinking Aunt
Tarralilines health just now

*The foregoing Letter, and that directed to the D—
of C—, were inclosed in a Cover directed by Lord
Grosvenor, as follows:*

To the Honble
Miss Vernon
Free St. James's Palace
Grosvenor London

L E T T E R XIV.

Tuesday Evening 5th

My Dearest Soul,

MOST sincerely unhappy I've felt ever since we parted, both in having lost your dear Company which is so great a happiness to me, and in the thought of the cold dreadful Journey you have had indeed I've been miserable about you, I'm afraid you are scarcely arrived yet, I've not heard any news at all about you but I've been very low spirited ever since tho I've hid it as much as in my power, I dont know to express my gratitude to you for the constant proofs you give me of the sincerity of your affection, I'm sure all the trouble you have taken only just to see me thoroughly convinces me of it you say all the return you desire is my affection and Friendship indeed you have them most sincerely, my heart is always with you indeed it is my dearest Friend—— they came home sunday to dinner he was here a little before the rest he came on horseback as he rode part of the way I grew in a fright least as he rode he might have come to shorten the way through the fields & met you, but hoped as he did not arrive till nearish 3 that you was got to where you dined first, to day they are gone to Chester to dinner, and to morrow I beleive they set out for Wales again for 2 days I wish we had known it before hand

hand & may be we might have contrived to have made some use of it but perhaps it may in the end be better as it is, I hope I shall have the happiness of hearing from you & if he is in Wales I shall endeavour to catch my letter before he comes——I hope C wont make any objections to receiving & sending the letters by the means you propose of sending Trusty to her, if she does pray let me know & I'll be sure to find a method of writing to you, & I'll tear my brains to pieces but I'll find some way of hearing once or twice from you while we are here I thank God I dont beleive it will be long for he has been talking to day of setting out & sais he believes he shall go before he at first thought of which was against the meeting of Parliament, as I am in vast hopes he will fix the day soon, & I will immediately write you word when I know, as soon as I hear from you and C—— and find if I may write again by her I will take the first moment any how if I dont hear to the contrary from C—— I'll write the beginning of next Week that if you send on Thursday sevenight it will be at C——ys I shall be sure to find some opportunity as I dare say he will not be long together at home—— while I feel it so cold I'm in pain and Misery for you good God in those post Chaises how starving it must be I'm so in fear it shou'd hurt your breast, do take care of yourself pray my Dear Dear Friend and if you aint quite well pray take some advise, dont take it ill my plaguing you so but really I love you so much I cant help wishing you to take more care of your health.

he seems in a tolerable humour not much one way nor other but still drinks toast & water and very little wine he had a little weazing last night, I suppose dining out to day wont do him much good he sais as the weather is so cold he could get off his business in Wales, but I really be-

leave he is very glad of any excuse to carry him there as he dont seem to know what to do with himself at home

I do believe & hope there is no suspicions about you, & indeed tho painful I'm sure to both of us I really beleive it was the most prudent thing possible to go before people talked or began to suspect; nothing here has happened worth relating, I've Breakfast'd din'd & sup't gone to bed & rise at the same hour as usual but we Rehearst our play in my Room the other night, I fancy it will be done middling well its a most horrid play but they will have it, I must act both the womens characters we are not to have the general Rehearsal in the Playhouse till Monday evening—indeed my dear soul you are very prudent in intending to go a little in publick before I come to town, it wou'd really look much too particular just to come out then & might cause remarks which possibly might be conveyed to my L^d. & every thing of that sort might rouse him & make him more and more observant to prevent our Meetings, and the best thing we can possibly do now is to make him beleive it is all over between us, and we have really I beleive blinded him for some time at least he has no proof about us, & I hope to God that by degrees his suspicions will be lull'd & then we may form some plans for our meeting happily we must not despair but look forwards that is the only way to support ourselves under our present unhappy situation & there is probability of many things happening to mend the present, so we think like Philosophers & beleive every thing is for the best & hope we may enjoy better days soon, & indeed I think it very probable my dearest & dear Soul with this idea be happy, if I knew you were so I shou'd be more than half way to it, as I assure you what concerns you is more to me than my own feelings

feelings upon any thing. God forbid there should be a Warr if you go what then remains for me but misery, dont lets think on that, no, its wrong, one must not meet misfortunes, but how can I talk so, I'm sure that is not adopting the Style I before proposed to look forward for better times—— I shall long to hear from you my dear life, indeed I do, I am afraid you had a miserable Journey indeed, I hope C—— will manage our letters as you send, if she wont dont be uneasy I'll certainly contrive some other means to write and to hear from you—I shall write to C—— as soon as I've done this & persuade her all I can, I really think nobody can suspect any thing as you said—so if you send to her the Thursday after you get this you'll find another from me, I think I have better now conclude and write my letter to C—— as I imagine he will come home pretty soon, or I cou'd write to you for ever, indeed my dearest Soul I could tire you to death with my nonsense—I shall only now add what I have often said to you my Dearest Friend, that you may ever be assured of my tenderest & most sincere affections & that I shall ever remain in the truest sense of the expression

Yrs Most Faithfully & Affectionately

You have thoro'ly convinced me of your regard for me which I prise above all things & can never thank you enough for the proofs you have given me of your Love.

The foregoing Letter was inclosed in a Cover, directed To

The D of C

In the Cover was written as follows :

Pray my dear do tell my poor Friend Foulkes I very sincerely condole with him & advise

him not to mind the old people if he loves her and she loves him to persuade her to run away with him, it will be delightfull, I wish to Goodness they wou'd

L E T T E R XV.

Eaton.—Saturday

My Dearest Carry

How do you do I'm in constant Expectation of a Letter from you, & hope it will arrive to morrow Morning, I long to hear you are in better Speritts, & my Friend well, thank God I shall have the Happinefs of seeing you very soon, my Lord setts out next Wednesday he goes to Newmarkett in his Way, I shall set out about Monday or Tuesday Sevenight and to be in Town the end of the week, as I come slow with the Children, I hope I shall see my dear little Carry as soon as I arrive, I shall send to your Lodgings immediately and hope you'll be able to come to me, I shant tell Mama exactly when I come, I shall say the End of the week towards the Sunday, because I must see you first, & if she knows she will come and spoil all our Comfort, I'm in great Anxiety to se poor dear M^{rs} Hill before we go, but I sadly fear I shant, but I have some hopes they may be able to come before we set out, at least before I do—we have got our Play Lethee quite up, and are to Act it on Tuesday Evening in the Playhouse litt up, & all in Order, I do both the Womens Characters, I dont much relish them, but they Are pretty easy, I shall have no trouble with them & we have some very good Actors, & I beleive it will be altogether very well acted we have had many Rehersals, and we are to Rehearse Monday & Tuesday Morning in the Play house to be quite perfect against the Evening, we have Rehearst

Rehears't in the Play house once or twice, we are to have an Orchastre of musick, and Company to se us Tuesday & if Toms who is one of our Actors dont set out with my L^d on Wednesday we shall act every Evening till we set out, my L^d. is going presently to dine at Chester to day and the Gentlemen who are here, I hope Almacks was agreable & how was the Ball at Court, I hope you got up your Sperritts & enjoy'd it, I hope you got my last letter safe, —my little Boys are very well & send their loves to Aunt Taraliline, I ride out almost every day as the Weather is very fine, and it always agrees vastly with me, I often wish you of my party, I'v a very pleasant Chare that goes very pleasantly & I Gallop very hard some times, I shall be very happy to hear from you before I set out, but I cannot be sure of receiving it, if you write later than Friday Night so do if you can write on Thursday, & make a cross under the Seal as otherwise I maint get it, if you do that I shall be sure of it, if you cant write before Friday to write then as the Post will bring it in the Morning I set out, & earlier then we shall be gone, so that w' do if you cant on Thursday my L^d is but now set out for Chester which is the Reason that in the former Part of my Letter I c^d say nothing, but as it was late was forc'd to begin for fear it shoud be too late for the Post, and dared say nothing but what he might see, for fear he sho'd come up, the Post goes out at half past Two, it's now within a quarter of the Time it must go, & I'v my Friends to write w^{ch} shall I do, & how happy I am I shall se you so soon do come to me as soon as ever I arrive what a vast deal of Talk I shall have, if you can write to me on Wednesday Thursday or Friday do pray, & you may say any thing and my Friend write in Ink it will be sure to come safe as nothing will prevent his setting out on Wednesday as he has

particular

particular Business at Newmarket I beleive he will be in Town for a day first, if he should even be taken ill or such unforeseen Accidents happen, I'll meet the Post Boy in the Lane pray remember to put a cross under the Seal, every thing has gone of well not a Creature have I heard a Word from, & he is in very tollerable Humour, Farewell my Dear, I have not Time to say more I fear it must be too late, but if so there is another Post at six in the Morning so Adieu & Beleive me my Dearest Carry

Y^rs with the most sincere
Affection

I hope the way my Friend takes of sending Trusty as its only for twice wont be disagreeable to you my Love or suspected we thought it w^d be much the safest Way

ever my Dear Soul.

Y^r most faithfully

Pray burn all my Letters
how does Mama behave

O dear how can you get this to him, as I quite forgot he was not to send Trusty to you till Thursday, I w^d not loose this Opportunity for I cannot write then he will be at home, but on Wednesday as soon as he is gone I'll write to you as I can then tell you exactly the Day I'm off & you'll get that Friday Night or Satt. Morning what can be done I dout he wont have it in time to write on Wednesday on Thursday, I feer you cant send it Once more dear Soul

Dec. 9. 1769.

Adieu

L E T T E R XVI.

My Dearest Soul

Satterday Evening

I'M in constant hopes of C—— sending me a Letter from you, & I'm very anxious to hear you are arriv'd safe, I imagine & hope it will come to morrow thank God I've some delightful News to tell you my Ld sett's out for London next Wednesday & I the Monday or Tuesday after I come slow up as I came down he said he desir'd I stay till then as he shou'd only stay one Day in Town and then go to Newmarket, I wish to God I c'd have been in Town that while but however its delightfull as it is, as I shall Certainly be in Town the End of the Week after this, I shall see my Dear Friend in about ten Days after you receive this how happy I am and only think he said Yesterday he had so many Horses & so much to do at Newmarket, he believ'd he s'd go there every fortnight I'll write C—— word as soon as my Ld is sett out on Wednesday (as then every thing will be fixed) & the Day we sett out, & on the Road, I'll write her Word which Day I shall be in Town and enclose both Times a Letter for you If she does not between this & then prevent me, If she is against it we must not mind we shall meet soon & as soon as I come to Town I certainly will send you a Note by some Means or other and fix some where if possible for us to meet, it already appears to me an Age since I've seen my dear Friend I've desired C—— to write to me as soon as she can after receiving my Letter, and enclose one if you send her one for me, I hope she will send you this as she will receive it Tuesday and not stay till Thursday when you was to send her, I was determined not to lose the first Opportunity to write so write now instead of Tuesday as I intended so if C—— sends you this dont send to her on Thursday but on Satterday as the letter I'm to write to her on Wednesday

nesday after he goes wont be in London till Friday Night or Satterday Morning—I feer you cannot read this but I’m writing poast as I feer this will too late for the poast,—every thing goes on well I’v not heard a Word of any Suspicion of ——— & he is in very tollerable Humour—our play is to be perform’d in Order on Tuesday Evening and we are to have a few people to see us—I ride ev’ry Day I’v seen no body but our usual Sort of Company since you went I’m to have some Ladies of our Neighbourhood on Tuesday—If C— absolutely refuses to send any more Letters I will still write her word & you may by Accidentally seeing her find out exactly the day as I shall write her Word when we shall sett out and when arrive in Town I feer this Letter will certainly be too late so must conclude my Dear Soul I do love you most Sincerely indeed I’m out of my Witts wth Joy at the thoughts of seeing you my Dear Friend Beleive me ever most Sincerely & Affectionately Yrs

What a Scrawl I always write to you I’m really ashamed to a degree of myself my Dear Soul you must not write to me later than Friday as I shant get it but if you get this in Time to write Wednesday. Thursday or Friday you may write in Ink safely as he is sure to go on Wednesday shd any unforseen Accident keep him which is totally improbable, I w’d meet the Post Boy in the Lane once more dearest Soul Farewell

This letter was inclosed within the other, in a cover directed by the Right Hon. Lord Grosvenor,

To

Free
Grosvenor

The Honble Miss Vernon
St. James’s Palace London

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LETTER XVII.

My Ly

I Meet my Ld Sr Thomas & Mr Taylor on the road from London & suppose your Ladyship will not be long here for my part I hope to be gone from hence soon I hope to have the honour to pay my duty before I leave this part of the World, I am quite lost here

If your Ladyship should have any Commands I shall be at my old Lodgings every day about twelve and one o'clock

from your Ladyship's most obedt
& most humble servt

Friday Dec 15 1769

R. Trusty

LETTER XVIII.

St James's Dec 15th 1769

My Dear Sister

I Recd your Letter last Wednesday, I think by the date I ought to have had it sooner but however I am sorry to say that it comes time enough for any pleasure I had in receiving it, I am only sorry it did not come sooner that I might have answer'd it before now but the reason that hindered me answering it before this, I had company with me on Wednesday and on Thursday the going to the Court & the play hurried me so much that I had not half a minute to breath, but I take the first opportunity of writing to you indeed my Dear I thought I never should have reason to say I had not pleasure in hearing from you but the Cause not only angered me extreamly but gave me a shock which I cannot easily recover as to myself I am hardly sensible of what I write as I can not explain what I have suffered within this

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little while & was plunged into the deepest Affliction when I recd yours I was shockt for 2 reasons the one was I had always flattered myself that your Affection for me was too great ever to be got the better of by any blind passion & that the doing me any essential hurt wou'd have the same effect on you as it wou'd on me in that Case Viz make you miserable but I am wretched to find that a passion for a certain person wrongly entituled to it as so much got the better of you that the loss of your own reputation *mine* & both our happinesses are to you of no Consequence & cou'd my simple advice be of any service to you I wou'd implore you on my knees nay serve you as a slave night & day that you wou'd for ever banish from your thoughts them whom you stile your friend for I know that if you dont do that the rest of your Life is destined to be wretched not only the bitter pangs of the whole world being against you but you must be banished from all your Relations who dearly love you by reason of this (in the first place I will begin with Mrs Hill) as you are sensible of Mr. Hill's disposition you may be sure that if the world dont cease their shocking descriptions of your proceedings he will not suffer his wife to be seen in your company as he will give this for reason that altho' he believes you to be *virtuous* yet as *nobody* else thinks it, that it will be equally disadvantageous to Mrs H to be seen in intimacy with you & as to myself, Mama will take care to keep me from ever having a sight of you, indeed if the scale was already turned with regard to your Conduct I believe I shall never be so much with you as I have been & as you must be sensible how much I love you you must know that this to me is a dreadfull, I am in Affliction not to be described you will may be think I make the worst of things but I assure you so far from it
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I make the best. Mama I find is really miserable about this—She & *me* have been at Variance for some time, she was on Wednesday Morning with Miss Keck and told her every thing I have wrote a Letter to her to day & hope that will be the Occasion of a reconciliation as it is necessary to keep well with her now, or god knows I shall then have no Chance I find the Queen and Princess of Wales have heard me censured in this curs'd Affair & speaks with Anger about me I have this moment been hearing a story now about town that you and I in the Summer walkt in Kensington Gardens attended by the Dke of Cumd and that he brought an officer with him, that you and I parted company he walked one way with You and the Officer and I another. But what is worse I have enclosed a paragraph that was in the News Papers to Day from which you will learn how scandalously you are talked of, it frights me to Death, as to what you inclosed in your last I have got it for you when you come to Town, for I acquainted your friend long ago that if any thing came of either side for me to convey I would burn it. I am watch'd every time I stir, and think how necessary it is for me to put a stop to this misery (you talk of Trusty who is as well known as yourself) In short I have things to tell you when I see you that will make you if you have a grain of discretion miserable. I *frankly* tell you absolutely let me never hear any thing more concerning your Friend, as to my being your *Bearer* any longer I will not. I wish very much for your coming to Town as that is the only thing to appease the wicked world the seeing you and your Lord living amicably together.

Believe me in haste

with greatest affection

Your sincere but most wretched of Sisters

C. V.

Pray let me hear from you before you set out, and as soon as you come let me see you for I have thousands of things to say—adieu—my love to the dear boys.

To
Lady Grosvenor

After Mr. Wedderburn had read these Letters, which took up very near an hour, he entered into observations on their contents, as well as the case.

He asked (as the words *mutual feelings**, and “I hope I shall never have occasion to *repent* this confidence,” were mentioned in one of her letters) “What *mutual feelings* should pass between a married woman and any other person but her husband? Or, why the word *repent* should be used, if it did not strongly imply a foregone dishonour?” He observed, “That it would be given the Jury in evidence that his R—H— had assumed the fictitious name of *Morgan*, a country Squire, not very sound in his *understanding*; that he had taken down a servant with him to St. Alban’s, who went by the name of *Trusty*, for the purpose of facilitating this amour.” He therefore asked, “What pain of mind it must cost his R—H—, for one of his elevated station to associate himself for several days with his own servant, pass under a fictitious name, and forego all those honours and distinctions usually paid to his rank, if he had not this dishonourable scheme in pursuit? What construction can you put upon the *mutual feelings and situations*, described in the letters? what feelings should a married lady have but for her husband? Too many warm and passionate expressions, continued he, are to be found in the letters for any one to hesitate a moment in pro-

* See Letter III. p. 16. and Letter XII.

nouncing that my Lord G's dishonour had been very fully completed."

After finishing these observations, which were made with great accuracy and judgment, he told the Jury, " That they had two principal objects for their observation. The first was the very great quality of the defendant, and the second the irreparable injury sustained by the plaintiff. As to the former, he said, no given sum could be punishment sufficient, as the elevated rank and situation of life he sustained, should the more deter him from setting a bad example to the subordinate classes of society." He observed, " There were certain situations in life, that made the same offence more criminal in one than another, on account of the greater duties they may owe the offended party in particular, or society in general. This he instanced in the case of a servant prosecuted for *crim. con.* with his master's wife, when the damages were laid very considerable, though the offending party had no fortune to bear it; and this he said was done for very wise purposes; to point out to society the greater breach of duty in a servant, from whom confidence, respect, and fidelity, were more immediately expected." He observed, in the present case, tho' the damages may be thought to be laid high, yet as it was all the punishment the law could inflict, none of it ought to be remitted, as they had it now in their power to convince his R— H—— in particular, and every man of rank in general, " That the laws of England in the hands of a BRITISH Jury, are always superior to situation and connections. He likewise hoped, that this would, in future, direct his R. H. to nobler pursuits than the seduction of the wife of a Peer, and incline him to copy from a very near relation of his (meaning his M) whose conjugal attachments, abstracted from his other virtues, not only

only ornamented the throne he filled, but shewed a bright example to his subjects in general."

"And now, gentlemen continued the learned and eloquent Counsel, I shall leave you in possession of these sentiments, and only direct one thing more to your consideration; which is, that you have now before you the chastity and honour of the sex, the sanctity of marriage, and the custody of British morals, and that your determination will severally operate on each of these."

Several witnesses were then called, the first of whom was,

The Rev. Mr. Taylor,

A clergyman, and chaplain to Lord G. proved the marriage of Lord G. with Miss Harriet V——, on the 19th of July, 1764, it having been solemnized by this witness on that day, proved their having lived happily and well together from that time until the present affair.

Elizabeth Sutton,

Was employed to take care of the Countess of Dunhoff's house, when the family were out of town ---Knew Lady G.--- Said that the Countess of Dunhoff went out of town in the month of May, 1769, and staid five weeks in the country. That the day the Countess went out of town, Lady G. came in the evening about seven or eight o'clock, and said her brother would come there that evening, and then Lady G. ran up stairs into the drawing-room; in about half an hour after, a gentleman came in a chair, with a double knock, the curtains of the chair were drawn very close. He had on a blue great coat,——he got out of the chair, and ran up stairs very quick, he went into the drawing-room, where Lady G. was. The witness did not follow him into the room, but went up about half an hour after

after, with candles. The lady and gentleman were then sitting on a couch, close to one another. The witness shut up the windows, and left the room. She said they staid till about a quarter past ten o'clock. That it was then about the latter end of May. That Lady G. went away in her coach. She, this witness, wondered the gentleman did not go away with the lady; but that, soon after, he came down stairs, and went away on foot. The gentleman was very fair, with light hair, and large eyes, had a scar on the side of his neck. The very next night after, they came again, both of them, in the same manner as before, and staid pretty much the same time. Lady G. went away alone, and the gentleman soon after. They never did stay later than eleven o'clock any night---That they came there three or four nights one after another, in the same manner. That one evening as the gentleman was going away, the husband of this witness, a labouring man, happening to be in the hall, and upon her saying that the gentleman was Lady G.'s brother, her husband made answer, "No, you fool, that he is not, I am sure, for that gentleman is the D. of C."---She said that the couch did remain and continue in the drawing-room at all these several times of their coming.

Cross examined.

She said that Lady G. always came in her own coach, and attended by her own servants--That until the husband of this witness gave her cause to think otherwise, she always verily believed that the gentleman was Lady G.'s brother.---That she never observed the door to be locked, when she went up at any time, when they were there,

Samuel Sutton,

Husband to the last witness, said, that he knew the person of the D. of C. and that he saw him,
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about the latter end of May was twelvemonth, one evening, at the Countess of Dunhoff's house, and informed his wife who he was.

John Bourne;

Servant to the Countess of Dunhoff, in the capacity of postilion, had lived with her three years and quarter.---Remembered to have seen the D. of C. at his lady's house about a year ago, who then asked him to carry a letter to Lady G. and not to tell his own lady of it.---He was to take the letter as if it was from the Countess of Dunhoff---which he accordingly did, and the duke gave him half a guinea for his trouble.---Said he still continued to be servant to the Countess of Dunhoff.

Thomas Dennison.

One of Lady G's footmen, remembered about February, 1769, that he attended his lady to Almack's; that he was ordered to return at eleven o'clock at night; that she then went away in a figured chair to the Countess of Dunhoff's, in Cavendish-square, where he saw the D. of C. come in at that time.---He remembered, that in the month of May, 1769, his lady was at Cravenhill, near Paddington, and came from thence frequently to the Countess of Dunhoff's. --That he had often attended Lady Grosvenor to St. James's palace, about the latter end of April, or the beginning of May, 1769, where she was set down at the fore-gate, that he had seen her then go across the courtyard, at St. James's, into the Park, and go in at the D. of C.'s back door in the Park, attended by the Countess of Dunhoff, and that upon these occasions, which were generally at about eight or nine o'clock in the evening, it was Lady Grosvenor's custom to discharge the coach, and order it to come again in two hours time; after which she returned through
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the Park the same way to her coach: that this happened four or five times.---That about the latter end of September, in the same year, he had attended Lady G. to Kensington gardens; where the D. of C. had frequently met her.—That in the month of October, in the same year, he attended his lady down into Cheshire. The first night she lay at St. Alban's, the next night at Towcester, the third night at Coventry, the fourth night at the Four Crosses, the fifth night at Whitchurch, and the sixth night at Eden-hall, in Cheshire, the seat of Lord G. That after his Lady's arrival there, he observed she walked out in very dirty weather, and in very dirty fields; that he remembered going once to deliver a message to her in the fields, and saw her with a man, sitting down or lying down, he could not tell which; that upon seeing him, she suddenly got up and ran towards him; that he did verily believe the man to have been the D. of C. That whilst his lady came towards him to take his message, the man seemed to skulk behind a tree. That on the 21st of December last he attended his lady at St. Alban's, where she was that day on her return to London. That he, this witness, being already gone to bed, was called up by Mr. Stevens, the butler, who likewise attended Lady G. on her journey to London. That Stevens told him there was a man locked up with their lady in her bedchamber, and that he had called him, this witness, up, as it was his, Stevens's, intent to break open the door, which he did accordingly effect with an iron poker; that when the door was broke open he saw the D. of C. standing in the middle of the room, dressed, that it was then about eleven o'clock; that Lady G. got to the opposite door, which led to another room; that the D. was buttoning his waistcoat, which had been open.—That Lady G.'s neck was naked; that her dress was

such an one as did button down before, and likewise buttoned at the wrists. That he thinks they call it a jesuit.---The D. upon the discovery being made, stood very much confused, like a statue, and could not speak, that when he did, he said, Gentlemen, I hope you will not hurt me.---He then attempted to go out, but Stevens called out, Stop that gentleman. As soon as the D. had got into another room, he said, Take notice, I was not in Lady G's room; to which Stevens made answer, No, you are not now, but you was this minute; to which the Duke replied, he would take his Bible oath he was not in my lady's room. This witness observed the bed to be very much tumbled, but not the bolster; said that he knew the D. very well, that his coat was darkish, his waistcoat of a light colour, that he had a silk handkerchief about his neck, and a dark round wig on, that he had white breeches, and white stockings.

Cross examined.

Said that when he saw his lady first in the fields, he was upwards of a hundred yards off; but when he delivered his message, he was not twenty yards off; said that when he attended his lady to Kensington-gardens, Lady Carolina Vernon was usually with her, said that at St. Alban's, the servants of the house were not at the breaking open of the door, but that they did come up soon after, and before the bed had been examined.

Edward Bennet.

One of Lady G's footmen, remembered going with his lady, in the month of June, 1769, to Carlisle-house, along with Lady Harrington. They staid there about three quarters of an hour, and then came away; remembered to have kept places at Drury-lane, in the month of February, 1769, that the D. of C. came into the box and sat down, and told

told him he need not to stay any longer, for that he, the D. of C. would take care of the place for Lady G. Remembered that in the month of April or May, 1769, his lady and the Countess of Dunhoff, went several times in the coach to St. James's palace, and from thence walked through the courtyard into the Park, and so in at the D. of C.'s back-door, &c. Confirmed the evidence of the last witness as to the St. Alban's affair, with this addition, that he, this witness, put his ear to the key-hole of the door, and could plainly distinguish two voices whispering to each other, upon which Mr. Stevens and this witness broke the door open.

Robert Gedding,

Said he was porter to the D. of C. that he *had* seen Lady G. acknowledged that he did attend the D. of C. to St. Alban's in the month of October 1769; did not remember the precise hour of the day they arrived there but believed it was in the afternoon. That there was one servant with him besides this witness; that he was a groom, and his name John Swan; that they lay at St. Albans, and went forward next day through Stony-Stratford, lay at Towcester next night; remembered that the Duke's chamber-door was chalked by him, this witness, and said it was his usual custom to do so; said that the D. was dressed plain like a country farmer, and this witness in the same manner, and passed for such kind of people, by fictitious names, which he, this witness gave them of his own accord without any orders for it from the D. that they came back to London the next morning from Towcester, sat out from thence, about two in the morning, but returned back in the evening *from* London, the same road again; that they went on all night, lay at Coventry the next night, and at the Four-Crosses the night after, did not know

there was any other company at the inn; that they got to Whitchurch the next night, but at what hour could not tell. The next day at Barnhill, where a family went by, whom they found afterwards to have been Lord G's. They then went to Chester, and from thence to Eden-hall, where his R. H. went to visit Lady G. The next day he went also to visit Lady G. and came back to the Falcon at Chester, where they called each other farmers, and passed as such: did not recollect that he did chalk the door of the Duke's chamber when at the Falcon at Chester. The next day the D. went again to visit Lady G. said that his R. H. never went into Lord G's house at all, nor even into the garden, except on the Saturday which was the first day, but always saw her on the outside of the garden rails: that they lay on the Monday at Marcourt-heath, saw Lady G. on Tuesday, lay that night again at Marcourt-heath, and returned to London the next day; that the occasion of their sudden return was, this witness thought that his R. H. was known at Marcourt-heath, and therefore advised him by all means to return to town immediately. Said positively that his R. H. did not at any time go into the house of Lord G. remembered that he received a parcel undirected from Lady G. in the month of December, in answer to a similar parcel which he had carried down to her from the D. of C.

Cross examined.

Said that until their arrival at Barnhill he did not in truth know that the D's journey at all related to Lady G. declared that at every visit the Duke made to Lady G. this witness was present, and in sight the whole time; that sometimes they were walking, sometimes standing, sometimes sitting on the ground. He said that at St. Alban's, on the

21st of December, he observed a man in a blue coat who was boring holes in the door of Lady G's bed-chamber, and that he this witness acquainted the Duke therewith. That at the time of the breaking open the door, the witness was in bed but got up directly, being roused by the noise; that when he came into the bedchamber, my lady was gone, and the Duke was not there, that the condition the bed was in was as if *one* person had been *sitting* upon it, and no more; merely the pressure of *sitting* upon it, and no more.

John Burton,

Said he was waiter at the Tun-inn at Towcester; that in the month of October last, two persons were at the Tun-inn, who passed for farmers, whom the witness believed to have been Mr. Gedding and the D. of C. said that he this witness attended them both at supper, and remembered to have told them both, when at table, that Lady G. was in the house, with her family; remembered that the two persons set out towards London, at two o'clock in the morning.

Jane Charlton

Lived at the Four Crosses in October last; that sometime in that month, a gentleman and two servants came there, the gentleman was low in stature, that she had seen him since, and knew him to be the D. of C. The servants said his name was Morgan, and that he was rather disordered in his mind. Remembered that his chamber-door was chalked. That there was another family in the house that night, Lady G's, who lay herself in the next room to the gentleman.

Sarah Richardson,

Lived servant at Whitchurch in October last, at
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the Red Lyon inn; that Lady G. came there one day in that month with her servants; that she desired to see the chambers, which this witness shewed her; that she was shewn one of the best rooms in the house, which she did not like, and made several objections to; that she afterwards went thro' the rest of the rooms and made choice of the worst room in the house; that it was noisy being near to stables, that some of the windows were broke, and the room very damp. That she remembered two gentlemen were there, who were, as she has since discovered, the D. of C. and Mr. Gedding; that they had a servant with them. That the D. paid for a young 'squire, one 'squire Morgan, who was a little foolish in his mind, and travelled about for his health, under the care of the other gentleman, Mr. Gedding, who went by the name of Farmer Trusty.—That she remembered the young 'squire's chamber-door had a chalk mark upon it; and she likewise remembered the room Lady G. made choice of, was in the same passage, and nearly opposite to the young 'squire's chamber.

That Lady G. went to bed about nine o'clock, and that about twelve o'clock, as she this witness was sitting in the bar below, along with a fellow-servant, adjusting their money-accounts before they went to bed, they heard a rustling of cloaths in this same passage; that this witness would have gone up stairs to know what was the matter, but her fellow-servant stopped her, saying, It is only the foolish gentleman; and added, don't go up, perhaps the fool may harm you. That when the witness made the young squire's bed the next morning, it was most exceedingly tumbled, so as she never saw any bed that had been lain in only by one person, and there were she did not know how many pins in the bed. That she observed nothing particular in Lady G's bed.

Mary

Mary Spencer,

Said that she was mistress of the Red Lyon inn at Whitchurch, remembered in the month of October last the two gentlemen being there, who past for 'squire Morgan and farmer Trusty together with a servant;—remembered the young 'squire's chamber-door being chalked; remembered Lady G's being there, and her choosing the worst room, whilst the others were vacant.

John Jones,

Said that he kept the inn on Marcourt-heath, that the D. of C. came there in the month of October last, and stayed several nights. That he went by the name of farmer Jones; and had another person with him called farmer Trusty. That he staid till about the 3d of November.

John Andrews,

Said he was servant to Lord G. remembered his lordship came down to Edenhall on the 3d of November last. That he, this witness, came there on the 2d of November, both from Newmarket.

Matthew Stevens,

Said he was butler to Lord G. was at St. Alban's, at the White Hart inn, on the 21st of December last, attending his lady and the family from Cheshire; that they came in about half past five o'clock; that upon arriving there, he made enquiry and found there were two gentlemen in the house, one of whom he had strong reasons to believe was the D. of C. That this witness took an opportunity in the evening to bore two holes in the door of the bed-chamber his lady had made choice of, and stopped them with paper. That he then went down, attended his lady at supper, and carried in a dish of meat to the table; that his lady retired to her chamber before nine o'clock

o'clock. That he made her a negus, as was his custom, and carried it into the parlour, but finding her gone, he went up stairs with it to her chamber. That she took the negus of him at the chamber-door, and shutting the door turned the key upon him. He went down and fetched his brother John Stevens, who kept the Wool-pack at St. Alban's, and returning some time after, he took the paper from the holes in the door, and applying his ear, very plainly perceived two voices, one of which he knew to be Lady G's, he could not however distinguish any words. That soon after John Andrews, the groom, bringing him word the D. of C. had ordered a chaise to be ready at two o'clock in the morning, he was determined to lose no time, therefore he resolved to break open the door immediately, and he did so with an iron poker. That the door broke at the hinges, and not at the lock; and the first object he saw was Lady G. endeavouring to escape into the next room; in doing so, she fell down; that this witness assisted her to get up. That her ladyship then said, "I suppose you think you have done a very fine thing now." That this witness answered her, "My lady, I am sincerely sorry for the occasion." To which she said, "I am sure you are." That the duke got into the next room, and then said, "Take notice I am not in my Lady G's room;" to which this witness made answer, "No, you are not now, but you was this minute;" to which the Duke replied, "He would take his Bible oath he was not in my lady's room." That the D. was asked by this witness, who he was? To which he made no answer. That this witness called in the rest of the servants, who all declared they knew him to be the D. of C. upon which the D. was told, that his person was very secure, and that he might
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go wherever he pleased. That the bed was very much tumbled, as much so as a bed could be. That the sheets were exceedingly tumbled, and a dent on the farther side of the bed, like the impression of a head. That when he bored the holes in the chamber door, he remembered there was no other light in the room but that of the fire; that no candle was in the room.

Cross examined.

Said that he did not know any lady of the name of Charlotte Wynn, or Miss Williams, nor did he in the year 1765. That this witness did remember to have carried a letter from Lord G. to a lady at the Falcon inn at Chester, but did not remember her name. Thought that it was a message for the lady to come to Lord G. to speak with him. That he thought the lady might have been about five or six and twenty.

That this witness did not observe any thing very particular about Lady G's dress, as she turned about very quick. Nor did he observe any thing very particular about the D's dress.

John Stevens;

Brother to the last witness, and kept the Wool-pack at St. Alban's. That on the 21st of December last between ten and eleven o'clock, his brother broke open the door of Lady G's bed-chamber; and confirmed the last witness in all that followed.

Several other witnesses were called on in succession, who all corroborated the discovery at St. Alban's, which seemed the principal point aimed at by the plaintiff's council.

Mr. Dunning began the defence with observations on the proof, which he said was so far from being positive, that it was not circumstantial; and

that if it were admitted upon this occasion, it would open a door for many artifices that might be practised upon the unwary by artful women in combination with their husbands. After expatiating upon the impropriety and danger of allowing such proofs, which he did with great energy, he then observed, " My learned friend thinks the fact sufficiently established by the extravagant professions of love and attachment to be found in the letters. I contend for the reverse of the proposition. The language of lovers after enjoyment is not so violent ; it is in general very languid and spiritless. These letters are too ardent and too passionate to have been written by lovers whose passions had been previously gratified. I will allow, continued he, the D. of C. and L. G. have been imprudent, blameable, inexcusable and censurable. I can suppose every thing to have passed between them but the criminal act upon which this action is founded."

He afterwards, produced the following exculpatory witnesses.

Mrs. Langford,

Who said she was mistress of the White-hart-inn, at St. Alban's ; that upon her coming into Lady G's room, the bed appeared to her as if it had been sat upon by somebody, especially on that side next to the fire, but did not appear at all as if it had been lain upon ; that Lady G. appeared much in the same dress as when she came in ; that her head dress did not appear at all disordered.

Cross examined.

Did not recollect that she had at any time since declared, that she had not particularly observed the situation of the bed.

Sarah

Sarah Gilby,

Said she was chamber-maid at the White-hart, at St. Alban's; saw the room after the door was broke open; that Lady G's servants and the waiters of the house were all there; that she saw my Lady G. that her hair appeared no ways disordered; that the bed was flatted on one side, as if it had been set down upon, but not as if it had been laid upon. This witness said that she warmed Lady G's bed twice that evening.

Cross examined.

Said she gave the key to Lady G. which was before on the outside of the door, and this she did before she carried away the warming-pan; that the corner of the sheets were a little tumbled; acknowledged a paper, that was shewn to her, to have been subscribed by her, but says that when she signed that paper, she was very much flurried, and it was so soon after the affair, that she could not then recollect what had past *so well*, as she had been able to do since.

Thomas Robinson,

Said that he was a waiter at the White-hart, at St. Alban's; thought the bed had the appearance of having been set down upon, but to the best of his belief, did not appear to have been laid upon.

* Mr. Morton spoke next and supported his brother Dunning's arguments very forcibly, and at length allowing for the argument's sake that her ladyship might have been guilty, he said he had several witnesses to prove that his lordship had frequently been guilty of the same crime.

* There was a laugh in court when this Counsel began to assist his *fair Client*; a wag calling out on his getting up (in the words of an old song) *There pops in little Davy*.

These witnesses being sworn, they were called upon to prove that his Lordship had connexions with them; when, by Lord Mansfield's direction, the leading questions only being put, these ladies answered as follows.

Mrs. Beau Germain,

Said that she knew Lord G. had known him ever since the year 1768; that she was introduced to him by one Mrs. Muilman, who lives in Crown-court, in Westminster; that she, this witness, first saw Lord G. in Jermyn-street, at a stay-maker's, where lodgings were taken for her by Mrs. Muilman, in order for her to see Lord G. in them: said she had particular connexions with Lord G. as man and wife; that she was known to him by the name of Sarah King; that she continued in that lodging three weeks; that she did not afterwards see Lord G. for eight months, when she saw him at Miss Woodfall's in Oxford-road; that she lay-in in April 1769; that the child was Lord G's, of whom she received a 20 pound Bank note.

Cross Examined.

Acknowledged she knew Mr. Gedding, the Duke of C's porter very well; that he came to her lodgings in order to bring her the subpœna; that she told Mr. Gedding the whole story some time ago, and came there merely to serve Lady G. and to support the cause of the whole sex; said she was married to a Captain of a French ship, and that they have expectations from a brother of her husband's.

Mary Howe,

Said she knew Lord G. had seen him at Mrs. Lloyd's house, where she came to lie with Lord G. That she did do so. That she saw him three days after, the same again. That she saw him next day, but that nothing at all past then.

Cross

Cross Examined.

Said that she lived in Mercer-street, Long-acre, and knew Lord G's person, if she saw him.

Mary Waten,

Lived in Bolton-row; said she knew Lord G. and had seen him at her house; that he came to see some waistcoats belonging to Mrs. Tremilly.

Ann Tremilly,

Said she knew Lord G. and that he came to Mrs. Waten, in order to relieve her [Mrs. Waten] she being in very great distress; said she knew Mrs. Gunning, and that she met my Lord G. at Mrs. Waten's once or twice.

Mary Smith.

Q. What acquaintance had you with his Lordship?

A. A very intimate one.

Q. Did you eat together?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you lie together?

A. Yes.

Q. Any farther connection?

A. Yes; in every respect like man and wife.

These witnesses being examined, the Counsel for the Plaintiff gave the reply, which lasted a full hour, and in one part particularly created a great laugh, in observing, "That however aggravating the circumstances were otherwise, they could not charge his R. H. with intriguing merely for the sake of intrigue, as the *incoherency* of his letters, plainly proved him to be really a lover." And concluded with observing, "That although he and his learned brother were arrived at a period of life at which a lady must not expect a great deal of ardor in their language after the favour granted, yet

yet the case before the Court was very different; the youthful fire of a young man of three-and-twenty blaz'd a great while before it could be extinguished."

Lord Mansfield began about half an hour after six, and with his usual clearness, summed up the proof with the utmost strictness and impartiality, and concluded with saying, "That the jury were to consider the damages received, and give an adequate recompence to the person injured, and not give a sum as a punishment upon the person who committed that injury: As in that case, it would become rather a fine, which would be incroaching on the power of the court, in whose breast the inflicting fines alone depends."

His Lordship's speech continued till fifteen minutes before eight, when the jury inclosed till ten minutes before ten, when of the three complaints they found the defendant only guilty of one, and then set off in carriages for Bloomsbury-square, with their verdict, finding for the plaintiff TEN THOUSAND POUNDS damages.

Upon the arrival of the jury at Lord Mansfield's, in Bloomsbury-square, a number of people, whose curiosity was very great, had collected together round the door; and before the jury had well got into the house, many rushed in with them. Lord Mansfield being acquainted with the arrival of the jury, he came into the hall from his room, by a private door; and being attended by the proper officers of the Court, the usual questions were asked, whether they were agreed in their verdict, and who should speak for them? when he received their verdict, and immediately withdrew. Some of the people, who were nearest the door, after having heard the verdict, communicated it to others; and a loud huzza was heard, as approbatory of the jury's conduct.

